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FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 1869.

Newspapers in the Schools. It has been proposed in Chicago to introduce the daily journals into the schools, instead of that class of books styled "readers." We feel it always incumbent upon us to advocate every means by which the cause of education can be assisted, but we really think that this is progress with a "vengeance!" To discard the time-honored models of pure, simple language, which have been collated with care as the best specimens of "good English," and to substitute for them the "effusions" written in haste to meet a pressing emergency by an over-wearied editor, probably in the "wee sma' hours" of morning, under the urgent pressure of a call for "copy," cannot but have an injurious effect upon the style of the rising generation. It is indeed a cause for wonder and pride that the multitudinous journals of our country are so generally filled with ably written articles; and that such are demanded by the people and supplied in profusion is the strongest and best proof that our republican form of government is performing its appointed work in educating and elevating the entire community.

But the circumstances under which the newspaper is written, and the purpose for which it is intended, must not be forgotten. A "leader" occasionally may be carefully considered and prepared, but the journal is, as its name denotes, written in the day, for the day, and the style of authorship fitted for such use is peculiar. Instantaneous effect must be produced, and facts must be marshalled and arguments arranged in the method best adapted to this aim. There is no time for the careful erection of a line of argument fitted to the essay or review, and especially no opportunity for that careful revision so necessary to prune the too fluent style of its redundancies. It is perhaps safe to say that the best English is not suited to the journal, for it is the simplest, most direct, least ornate, and least colloquial, while the style suited to the history of the business man in the street car must be emphatic, striking, pungent, and perhaps even exaggerated. It must attract attention at the moment, and do that that it must adapt itself to the need of that moment. The style of the London Times has been much admired, and a strong effort has been clearly made to keep it as near the well of English undefiled as circumstances will permit, and yet "slang" creeps into its columns, and is often most useful and effective. A great event produces a word, or a great man strikes out a phrase so vivid, so full of meaning, that pages of circumlocution would not give the idea, and the thought if expressed by the rules of dictionary and grammar, would lose half its weight; and such words can often be effectively used in conversation or in that current literature which is but written conversation.

While availing ourselves of all these accidental helps, it must be remembered that in the style of English there is a well-established criterion, and that it has been best exemplified by the old-time authors who figure so largely in the "English Reader." Unconsciously we still refer to them as our models, and the leading authors of to-day approach most nearly in simplicity and directness to the diction of Addison, Steele, and Goldsmith. Plain and "fern"-ery amuse the moment, and the humor of the "Confederate X Roads" imparts an additional relish to our morning coffee, but we do not want the minds of our children to be fed entirely upon such diet.

The old-established system of scholastic education seemed to ignore the practical duties of the future life. It even rendered its most successful pupils unfit for any profession but that of a bookworm or a Dominic Sampson. The world is slowly learning that the youth should be fitted for his future career by making him as far as possible conversant with its practical details, or at least by so accustoming him to direct his thought and action to practical uses as to prepare him in some degree for any of its requirements. The current history of the time becomes necessarily a component part of this scheme, and its record, the journal, should assuredly not be ignored by the teacher, but the style in which the local item is dressed to "electrify" the community, or the political editorial "written up" to demolish an opponent, should not be offered to the rising generation as the best and only models of their native language.

A Needed Law. We are informed that early in the session of the Legislature a bill will be introduced to effect the purpose of the "Registry Law," which was last summer declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of the State. We hope that such a law will be presented at once, in order that the Judiciary Committee can have full time to examine into its various provisions, and prune out all objectionable features. It will be remembered that last year, when the time came for the final adjournment, and when the moments for deliberation were passed, the bill was introduced from a manuscript copy, and passed with a spidery which admitted of no debate or scrutiny. The consequence was that the whole tenor of the bill was frustrated. The recent undons frands, perpetrated successfully in the absence of a just registration law,

are warnings not to be slighted by the Legislature. In all the calendar of bills which will come before them there is not one which does not serve more careful preparation and more prompt adoption. The Governor recommends it in his message as a matter of great moment, and the people demand its passage. As to what shape it shall assume, who shall be the registers, and what proof shall be asked for by them before they put a name upon their lists, we do not pretend to say. But as the former bill fell because of the infringement it made upon the rights of the people, by requiring other requisites for suffrage than those prescribed by the Constitution, it is essential that the new bill shall be so framed as to prevent such a mistake again. It should not be a partisan measure. It should be one drawn out for the purpose of securing a full and free expression of the real wishes of the people, and for the punishment of those who seek to illegally pollute the rights of the ballot-box.

The Building Commissioners. A MEETING of the Building Commissioners appointed to prepare plans and superintend the erection of new public buildings, was held last evening in the Select Council chamber for the purpose of organization. The following gentlemen compose the Commission:—William Anderson, William F. Miskey, Hiram Miller, James Page, Joshua Spering, Alexander J. Harper, John McCarthy, James Robbins, Jr., George Day, James H. Orne, Robert P. Gillingham, James V. Watson, James H. Billington, James S. Watson, Thomas W. Walter, Nathan Hillis, and William Morris Davis, together with the Mayor, Presidents of Select and Common Councils, Chief Engineer and Surveyor of the Water Works, Chief Commissioner of Highways, Inspector of Steam Boilers, and Commissioner of Markets and City Property.

We think that this commission is an excellent one in every respect. The gentlemen composing it are well known and public-spirited citizens, who have the interests of the city at heart, and who will doubtless exert themselves to give us public buildings that will be a credit to the city. The difficulty which was suggested last evening we hope will be removed without delay. By ordinance of Councils the commission is now required to advertise for and adopt a plan within three months. Mr. James V. Watson very truly remarked that no architect in the world could prepare proper plans in that time, even if he neglected all other business, and devoted all his time to the work. We think that the Commissioners should not be hampered by any such provision as this, but that the whole matter of preparing plans and the time for commencing and completing the work might with propriety be left in their hands. With the right kind of men in charge of the business—and such appears to be the case in this instance—the work of preparing plans and putting up the buildings can be carried on more economically and more satisfactorily every way if they are entrusted with full powers to act as they may seem best for the interests of the city and the proper conduct of the work.

The Report of the State Treasurer. ELSEWHERE in our paper to-day will be found the report of Hon. William W. Irwin, State Treasurer of Pennsylvania, on the condition of the finances. It is an interesting document, and gives us a condensed statement of the Commonwealth's balance sheet. From it will be seen that the debt at the close of the year amounted to \$32,799,786, a reduction of \$1,966,644-88 within twelve months. That the available balance on hand December 1, 1868, was \$525,765. The estimates for the coming year are also submitted. The receipts will be \$4,931,000, the expenditures \$4,645,000; so that if the income and expenditures are correctly estimated, there will be an excess of \$286,000. This is a small balance, and should cause the Legislature to follow the advice of the Treasurer, and economize in every particular. The report is a comprehensive document, and will well repay perusal.

Our Social Needs. EXTRAVAGANT expenditure and luxury in the details of social life always seem to mark special epochs in the history of communities deriving their wealth from commerce and manufactures. Everything moves with accelerated rapidity, men think fast, work fast, and they learn, unfortunately, to live fast, and a feverish excitement extends from counting-house to parlor through every detail of daily life. Dates, with biting jest, rebuked the Italian diths of his day for this fault; the English satirists have made it the theme of essay and poem, and to-day London and New York are held up for diurnal execration by their journalists for similar follies. It is a curious and sad fact that such criticisms are always popular. The public orator or favorite versifier cannot find a subject that will win him more profit or the wit a theme that will more rebound to his fame. The community at large seems to regard the fault as a trifling weakness, hardly worthy of serious blame, totally ignoring its effect upon the nation as a whole, as well as upon the individuals composing it.

The true object of life, stated plainly and in the most matter-of-fact terms, seems to be to secure the greatest amount of physical health and comfort, moral growth, and mental development possible to our circumstances. By such a test every life can be readily scanned and the individual culpability easily detected. The votaries of fashion, with all their glaring absurdities, hardly diverge more widely from the golden mean in their ostentatious contempt and neglect of this wholesome and essential rule of life, than does the successful merchant who so exhausts his powers or narrows his mind in his counting-house as to make his leisure hours useless to others and unprofit-

able to himself. Our judgment is obscured by the specious show of material benefit arising from the labors of the money-makers of every kind, and we forget that the ultimate object for which they labor is no more elevating in its effect upon their own mind or morals than that of the much-abused man of fashion.

This spirit of extravagance has become so universal throughout the middle and higher classes of society that it requires considerable courage to oppose it. Everybody is expected to live as well and dress a little better than they can really afford—that is, the expenditure must be more than justly commensurate with the income. The apparent prosperity of the community is of course much increased by this style of exhibition; but all such glitter that is not gold is ruinous to the purchaser. The deficit must be made good by some means, or hopeless bankruptcy will result. Individually, the deficit is generally met by a wear and tear of mental anxiety and physical exertion exhaustive and injurious, or by petty and mean economies which are only degrading, because exercised for an unworthy object. For as, in the wise ordering of the moral law, that economy which is the just administration and the prudent adjustment of means to ends is in itself ennobling, even when exercised on the pettiest details, so that false economy which sacrifices the real to the apparent, and produces glittering results from insufficient means, is debasing to the mind that exercises it.

The mental condition produced in a community governed by such a criterion is deplorable in the extreme, and no heavier curse could be entailed upon the rising generation than to instill into their minds a respect for show rather than substance, for luxury rather than comfort.

Mrs. Hill's Murderers.—Messrs. William B. Mann and John O'Byrne, counsel for Twitchell, have each received letters from unknown individuals, each of whom declares himself to be the murderer of Mrs. Hill. In fact, the murderers of Mrs. Hill seem likely to become as numerous as Banquo's progeny; and by the time that General Collis and the other counsel for Twitchell shall have received letters, the subject will begin to have a portentous aspect, calculated to disturb the equanimity of District Attorney Sheppard and the jury who so unhesitatingly found Twitchell guilty. If this matter is not settled satisfactorily, who killed Mrs. Hill? will pass into history as one of the unsolvable questions of the age, along with "Who hit Billy Patterson?" and "Who made Berger's boot?" although it is hinted that Mr. O'Byrne can give a satisfactory answer to this last query. The manner in which the English language is murdered in the letters alluded to suggests the idea that the writers would not be above perpetrating any crime in the calendar. The District Attorney ought to investigate this case.

Is the old Norse legend the heart of the wicked ogre can only be found in an island, in a castle in that island, and in a bird in that castle. Such is the enigma of the ancient story, and we have the solution at last under our own eyes. The bird is a jail-bird, the island the Dry Tortugas, and the old ogre—the Democratic party!

MARRIED. GILL-FISCH.—On New Year's Day by Rev. Wm. H. H. Gill, at 215 N. 2d St. Miss ANNIE E. FINCH, both of this city.

SCHWELBY-KEITEL.—On Tuesday, December 2, 1868, at the residence of the bride's father, near Germantown, Pa., by Rev. W. R. H. Deitch, Mr. HENRY SCHWELBY, of Philadelphia, and Miss MARY E. KEITEL.

DIED. CUNNINGHAM.—On the 5th instant, JOHN CUNNINGHAM, in the 68th year of his age. Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of the deceased, No. 1215 Chestnut Street, on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment at the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

REYNOLDS.—On the 7th instant, ELIZA LAMBEY, wife of the late Capt. P. Lamberton. Her relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, No. 74 Erie Street, on Monday morning, the 11th instant, at 10 o'clock. Interment at Laurel Hill.

MADARA.—On the 7th instant, ELIZA J., wife of Henry F. Madara, in the 67th year of her age. Her relatives and friends of the family, also the lady friends of the family, are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from her late residence, No. 191 Montrose Street, on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment at Evergreen Cemetery.

TEMBLE.—On the morning of the 6th instant, MARGARET TEMBLE. The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, No. 25 1/2 o'clock P. M., from the residence of her nephew, Dr. T. M. Deyden, No. 1000 Chestnut Street, on Sunday afternoon, the 10th instant, at 1 o'clock. Interment at Evergreen Cemetery.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No. 52.—The officers and members of the Chapter are requested to attend the funeral of their late Companion, REAR ADMIRAL M. H. W. RILEY, at 2 o'clock, on SATURDAY, the 9th instant, at 2 o'clock P. M. JOSEPH S. RILEY, Secretary.

AMERICAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, Of Philadelphia. S. E. Corner Fourth and Walnut Streets. This Institution has no superior in the United States. 610

SPECIAL NOTICES. BANK OF NORTH AMERICA—DIVIDEND. BANK OF NORTH AMERICA, January 1, 1869. The Directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of SEVEN AND A HALF PER CENT. on the extra dividend of FIVE PER CENT. for the year ending on the 31st of December, 1868, payable on the 14th of January, 1869, at 10 o'clock A. M. J. H. HOOKER, Cashier.

NATIONAL BANK OF THE REPUBLIC. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1868. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Bank will be held at the Banking House of J. F. WELLS & CO., on FRIDAY, the 12th of January, 1869, at 10 o'clock A. M. JOSEPH P. MUMFORD, Cashier.

GIBARD NATIONAL BANK. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1868. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Bank will be held at the Banking House of J. F. WELLS & CO., on FRIDAY, the 12th of January, 1869, at 10 o'clock A. M. W. L. SCHAFER, Cashier.

FARMERS' AND MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1868. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Bank will be held at the Banking House of J. F. WELLS & CO., on FRIDAY, the 12th of January, 1869, at 10 o'clock A. M. ROBERT B. SATTER, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE NORTH PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1868. The Transfer Books of this Company will be closed on SATURDAY, the 9th inst., at 3 o'clock P. M., and reopened on SATURDAY, the 16th inst. A dividend has this day been declared of FIVE PER CENT. clear of taxes, payable in scrip, bearing no interest, and convertible into Seven Per Cent. Mortgage Bonds of the Company, in sums of not less than five hundred dollars, on and after May 1st next. The said dividend will be credited to the stockholders as they shall stand registered on the books of the Company on SATURDAY, the 9th inst. W. L. WISLER, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE NORTH PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1868. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 407 WALNUT ST. on FRIDAY, the 12th of January, 1869, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of electing a President and Ten Directors to serve for the ensuing year. The transfer books will be closed from the 1st to the 15th of January, 1869. JOHN E. CRAVEN, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE SECOND AND THIRD STREETS PASSENGER RAILWAY COMPANY. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1868. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 243 FRANKFORD ROAD, on FRIDAY, the 12th of January, 1869, at 10 o'clock A. M., at which time and place an election will be held for a President and five Directors to serve for the ensuing year. The transfer books will be closed from the 1st to the 15th of January, 1869. JOHN E. CRAVEN, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE SECOND AND THIRD STREETS PASSENGER RAILWAY COMPANY. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1868. The Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of THREE PER CENT. on the Capital Stock, payable on and after the 11th inst. clear of tax. E. MITCHELL CORNELL, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE HEBSTONVILLE, MARLTON AND FAIRMOUNT PASSENGER RAILWAY COMPANY. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1868. NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.—The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at their Office, No. 262 CALLOWAY HILL STREET, on FRIDAY, the 12th of January, 1869, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of electing a President and five Directors to serve for the ensuing year. The transfer books will be closed on the 1st of January, 1869, at 10 o'clock A. M. CHARLES S. HASTINGS, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE GREEN AND COASTERS' PASSENGER RAILWAY COMPANY. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1868. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 262 CALLOWAY HILL STREET, on FRIDAY, the 12th of January, 1869, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of electing a President and five Directors to serve for the ensuing year. The transfer books will be closed on the 1st of January, 1869, at 10 o'clock A. M. JOSEPH S. RILEY, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE GREEN AND COASTERS' PASSENGER RAILWAY COMPANY. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1868. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 262 CALLOWAY HILL STREET, on FRIDAY, the 12th of January, 1869, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of electing a President and five Directors to serve for the ensuing year. The transfer books will be closed on the 1st of January, 1869, at 10 o'clock A. M. JOSEPH S. RILEY, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE PHILADELPHIA CITY PASSENGER RAILWAY COMPANY. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1868. A statement meeting of the Board of Directors held this day, a dividend of ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS per share was declared, free of all taxes, payable to the stockholders or their legal representatives on and after the 14th inst. The transfer books will be closed on the 14th inst. WM. W. COLLET, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE UNION PASSENGER RAILWAY COMPANY, TWENTY-THIRD AND BROWN STREETS. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1868. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 21 1/2 o'clock A. M., at which time and place an election will be held for a President, Vice-President, and five Directors, to serve for the ensuing year. S. E. GARDNER, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE PHILADELPHIA AND TRENTON RAILROAD COMPANY. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1868. The Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS per share, clear of all taxes, payable to the stockholders on and after the 14th inst. The transfer books will be closed on the 14th inst. W. H. KEMMEL, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE PHILADELPHIA AND TRENTON RAILROAD COMPANY. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1868. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders and an Election for twelve Directors for the ensuing year will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 224 S. DELAWARE AVENUE, on MONDAY, the 11th of January, 1869, at 11 P. M. J. MORRELL, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE FINE FINE INSURANCE COMPANY. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1868. At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fine Fine Insurance Company held this day, a dividend of THREE PER CENT. was declared payable on demand, clear of all taxes. W. L. BLANCHARD, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE UNITED SECURITY LIFE INSURANCE AND TRUST COMPANY. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1868. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 224 S. DELAWARE AVENUE, on MONDAY, the 11th of January, 1869, at 11 o'clock A. M. C. F. BETTS, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE UNION IMPROVEMENT COMPANY. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1868. The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of SIX PER CENT. payable on and after the 15th inst. EDWARD ROBERTS, Jr., Treasurer.

SPECIAL NOTICES. COLD WEATHER DOES NOT CHAFE ALCONA. A GENUINE TABLET TO SOLIDIFY FISH OIL. It is daily used by the most delicate and beautiful. It is delicately fragrant, transparent, and is comparable as a table food. For sale by all Druggists. No. 624 CHESTNUT STREET. JAMES J. WRIGHT, Secretary.

THE PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB.—The annual meeting of the Corporation of the PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB will be held at the Institution, corner of PINE and BROAD STREETS, on WEDNESDAY, the 20th inst., at 10 o'clock P. M. The annual report of the Directors will be submitted, and an election held for officers to serve for the ensuing year. JAMES J. WRIGHT, Secretary.

ATLANTIC AND GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY. SECRETARY'S OFFICE, No. 40 Broadway, New York, 20th December, 1868. Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of the Atlantic and Great Western Railway Company will be held at the General Office of the Company, No. 40 Broadway, in the City and State of New York, on the 12th of January, 1869, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of electing a President and ten Directors to serve for the ensuing year. The transfer books will remain closed until after the 15th of January, 1869. W. ARDHALLO O'DOHERTY, Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD COMPANY.—Office No. 227 S. FOURTH STREET. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1868. The Transfer Books of this Company will be closed on the 4th of January next, and reopened on the 11th of January next, at 10 o'clock A. M. A dividend of FIVE PER CENT. has been declared on the Preferred and Common Stock, clear of all taxes, and is payable in common stock on and after January 23, 1869, to the holders thereof, as they stand registered on the books of the Company on the 11th of January next. All payments at this office. All orders for Dividends must be witnessed and stamped. S. BRADFORD, Treasurer.

THE PHILADELPHIA, WILMINGTON AND BALTIMORE RAILROAD COMPANY. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1868. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company, and an election of Directors, will take place on the 12th of January, 1869, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the office of the Company, No. 407 WALNUT STREET. The transfer books will be closed on the 1st of January, 1869, at 10 o'clock A. M. A. HORNER, Secretary.

THE PHILADELPHIA, WILMINGTON AND BALTIMORE RAILROAD COMPANY. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1868. The Directors have declared a dividend of FOUR PER CENT. on the Capital Stock of the Company, clear of all taxes, payable on and after the 11th of January next, at 10 o'clock A. M. A. HORNER, Secretary.

THE FINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA. Office No. 405 CHESTNUT STREET. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1868. NOTICE.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the THE FINE INSURANCE COMPANY will be held on MONDAY, the 11th of January, 1869, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the office of the Company. An election will be held on the same day, at the same place, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M. WILLIAMS I. BLANCHARD, Secretary.

THE ENTERPRISE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA.—Office No. 405 CHESTNUT STREET. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1868. NOTICE.—The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the ENTERPRISE INSURANCE COMPANY will be held on MONDAY, the 11th of January, 1869, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the Office of the Company. An Election for Twelve Directors to serve the ensuing year will be held on the same day, at the same place, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M. ALEX. W. WISTER, Secretary.

THE ENTERPRISE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA, No. 407 WALNUT STREET. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1868. The Directors have this day declared a dividend of FOUR PER CENT. on the Capital Stock of the Company, free of all taxes, payable on demand, free of all taxes. ALEX. W. WISTER, Secretary.

INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1868. An Election for thirteen Directors of the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 8 S. FIFTH STREET, on MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1869, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 1 o'clock P. M. WILLIAM H. REED, Secretary.

MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1868. The Annual Election for Directors will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 3 S. FIFTH STREET, on MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1869, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 1 o'clock P. M. WILLIAM H. REED, Secretary.

CAMBRIA IRON COMPANY.—THE Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Cambria Iron Company will be held at their Office, No. 405 CHESTNUT STREET, Philadelphia, on TUESDAY, the 12th of January, 1869, at 10 o'clock A. M., when an election will be held for seven Directors to serve for the ensuing year. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1868. 12 is dt 19.

GOVERNOR GEARY'S ANNUAL MESSAGE. The annual message of Governor Geary is not weary or dreary, As messages sometimes be; He tells with good nature To the Legislature Some things we are happy to see.

PUBLIC DEBT. Some \$33,000,000, the debt of the State, Which seems a tremendous sort of a weight, Debt has been reduced, and can be reduced more By dealing at Rockhill & Wilson's store.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE. Happy to say the Agricultural College Is organized well for piling in knowledge. And Rockhill & Wilson's good clothes are so charming, For folks who are studying science or farming.

COMMON SCHOOLS. In capital order are most of our schools, Where our boys are trained up to men, and not fools. Would recommend teachers, and pupils, and all To purchase their clothing at GREAT BROWN HALL.

CATTLE DISEASE. We're sadly in need of immediate relief Against the great evil of plague-stricken beef; But every beef-eater, we're free to suppose, At Rockhill & Wilson's may safely buy clothes.

BE NEAT IN YOUR PERSONAL APPAREL! To the members of House and the members of Senate (Oh! great is the pleasure it gives us to pen it) He advises a call At the GREAT BROWN HALL To study the styles Of the nammoth piles Of elegant raiment So cheap for cash payment And then to tell their constituents all Of the wisdom of dealing at GREAT BROWN HALL. All the members of the House, COME! All the members of the Senate, COME! All the citizens of this State, COME! All of every other State, COME!!! AND BUY YOUR CLOTHES AT ROCKHILL & WILSON'S GREAT BROWN STONE HALL, Nos. 603 and 605 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

BANK REPORTS. FIFTEENTH QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE NATIONAL BANK OF THE REPUBLIC. PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 4, 1869. RESOURCES. Loans and discounts, \$1,068,054.02. United States bonds deposited with Treasurer of U. S., 141,000.00. Bonds on hand, 5,000.00. Real estate (productive), 182,121.10. Total, \$1,816,175.12.

LIABILITIES. Capital stock, \$1,000,000.00. Circulation, 473,500.00. Deposits, 1,833,671.58. Profit and loss, 33,273.53. Total, \$2,816,399.11.

QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF THE SEVENTH NATIONAL BANK OF PHILADELPHIA. JANUARY 4, 1869. RESOURCES. Loans and discounts, \$102,236.24. United States Bonds, 239,050.00. Banking House and Furniture, 1,084.81. Expenses and taxes, 3,513.90. Clearing House exchanges, 81,796.99. Due from Banks and Bankers, 63,168.55. Cash Items and Fractional Currency, 2,720.30. National Bank Notes, 10,500.00. Due from Approved Association in New York, 79,836.00. United States Notes and Certificates, 142,946.00. Total, \$1,116,542.23.

LIABILITIES. Capital Stock, \$350,000.00. United States Bonds, 1,084.81. Profit and Loss, 4,637.23. Circulation, 219,335.00. Due from Banks and Bankers, 106,851.43. Deposits, 524,845.23. Total, \$1,116,542.23.

1734 E. S. HALL, Cashier.

CARPETINGS, ETC. REMOVAL. ROWE, EUSTON & CO., CARPETS, COTTON GOODS, ETC. ETC. (Late at No. 530 Market Street), HAVE REMOVED TO THEIR NEW STORE, No. 18 South SIXTH Street.

AND No. 9 DECATUR STREET, Six Doors from Market Street, 17 3/4 West Side.

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